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The Honorable Ajit Pai
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Pai,

The National Black Caucus of State Legislators (NBCSL) is the nation's premier organization representing and serving the interests of African American State legislators. With more than 700 members representing more than 60 million Americans, we serve as a national network, advocate and catalyst for public policy innovation, information exchange, and joint action on critical issues affecting African Americans and other marginalized communities.

The NBCSL supported the original merger petition for Charter, Time Warner Cable and Bright House Networks and is pleased to support the sunset of the two remaining merger conditions. Since the merger, Charter has delivered on its commitment to diversity in its hiring and programming. They recognize the growing customer demand for diverse and targeted African American programming and have significantly expanded the distribution of black-owned and focused networks. In February, Charter became one of the first pay TV providers to offer the Black News Channel, the first and only African American-focused 24/7 news network. Charter also recently announced a \$10 million investment to support Black and other minority-owned small businesses in underserved communities through a partnership with the National Urban League and National Action Network.

Charter has stated their commitment to reflecting the vibrant diversity of the communities they serve and enhancing diversity and inclusion in every aspect of their business, from its workforce and suppliers to the products and services they offer. We believe they have delivered on that commitment and look forward to their continued dedication to diversity.

On behalf of the NBCSL, I would like to express my support for Charter's petition to sunset the following merger conditions: (1) the prohibition on Charter imposing data caps and usage-based pricing mechanisms; and (2) the requirement for Charter to offer to connect its Internet protocol (IP) network to any qualifying entity free of charge and on standardized terms.

Sincerely,



Representative Gilda Cobb-Hunter
President